



Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Agenda

January 17, 2023 - 10:00am

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Mission Statement: As good stewards of the public trust, we will advise the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education in supporting the optimal and ongoing development of young children in Arkansas.

The AECC will provide support by:

- 1) Increase the number of high-quality infant and toddler programs
- 2) Engage families in the child's education through research-based programs that enhance child outcomes and success in school
- 3) Create an integrated system of professional development uniting the early childhood sectors-child care; HS; pre-k; public schools; early intervention and special education services. LeMoine, S. (2008). *Workforce Designs A Policy Blueprint for State Early Childhood Professional Development Systems*. National Association for the Education of Young Children. https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/user-74/workforce_designs.pdf
- 4) Support restructuring, expanding and growing Better Beginning/Quality Rating Improvement System
- 5) Strengthen and expand local and state partnerships with other agencies and organizations for connected action
- 6) Creating awareness of Health and Nutrition Programs and educate parents, children, and child care providers on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order / Reading of Mission Statement | Debbie Mays, Chair |
| II. | Approval of Minutes from 10/18/22 Meeting | Debbie Mays, Chair |
| III. | Old Business | |
| | ❖ DCCECE Commission Report | Tonya Williams |
| | ❖ HSSCO/AHSA Update | Barbie Baxter |
| | ❖ ARPA Updates/Stabilization Grant | Tom Sheppard |
| | ❖ TEACH Update | Paul Lazenby |
| IV. | New Business | |
| | ❖ New AECC Chair Selection | Nominating Committee |
| V. | Summary/Announcements/Public Comments | |
| | ❖ Upcoming Events | AECC Chair |
| | ❖ Public Comment | AECC Chair |
| VI. | Next Meeting | |
| | ❖ April 18, 2023 – Location -TBD | |
| VII. | Request for Adjournment | AECC Chair |
| | ❖ Early Head Start Governing Board Meeting to Follow | Ted Beck |